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WEATHER FORECASTING
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to establish a mechanism for weather forecasting in all 604 districts of the country;

(b) if so, the time by which this mechanism is likely to be established and made functional;

(c) the additional amount estimated to be spent theron;

(d) whether the aforesaid mechanism is also likely togive early warning of natural disasters; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has prepared a proposal to extend its existing State-level forecasting services to district level.

(b) & (c) The project details are being finalized and the project shall be implemented in a phased manner spanning the remaining part of the current Plan and next Five Year Plan. The cost of the proposal will be available only after finalisation of the project.

(d) & (e) Yes Sir. The proposed system will enhance the early warning capabilities for weather related events. The existing set up is already capable of generating early warnings for heavy rainfall, storm-surges and gales for cyclone related disasters.